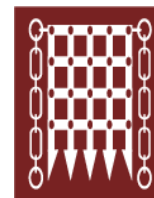


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Priorities for improving maternity services in England**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of maternity care and approaches for improving qualities and standards**
Dr Bill Kirkup, Leader, Independent Investigation into East Kent Maternity Services
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Listening to mothers: next steps for providing education and mental health support**
Senior representative, advocacy
- 9.40 **Priorities for improving maternal and neonatal safety, and next steps for tackling disparities in care**
priorities for the development of the 10-year plan | next steps for the use of data in understanding and tackling health inequalities | developing best practice and regulatory frameworks | ways forward for supporting the mental health of mothers | listening to patients about their experience | next steps for setting and meeting targets to close the Black and Asian maternal mortality gap
Sandra Igwe, Chief Executive, The Motherhood Group
Senior academic
Senior representative, data
Senior representative, ICS
Senior representative, community care
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Learning from mistakes: sharing understanding to improve safety moving forward**
Louise Page, Interim Clinical Director, Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.10 **Case study: implementing best practice in mental health and community care**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Priorities for the maternity workforce: training, retention and reform**
Gill Walton, Chief Executive, Royal College of Midwives
- 11.45 **Equipping the workforce with the tools to meet the diverse and complex needs of patients**
next steps for the retention and recruitment of midwives | data and knowledge sharing | the role of leadership and culture | what is needed to enhance training pathways | the role of technology in improving health outcomes | managing medical complexity | state of infrastructure in maternity units
Professor Naomi Chambers, Professor, Healthcare Management, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester
Caroline Nyawira, Head, Maternity and Neonatal Transformation and Quality improvement, Croydon Health Services NHS Trust
Robyn Dalton, MSW Support and Development Midwife, United Lincolnshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Senior representative, training
Senior representative, data
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for policy for creating robust standards of care and priorities for accountability**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Health Forum